## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of SBC Communications Inc. ("SBC") and AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") for Authorization to Transfer Control of AT&T Communications of California (U-5002), TCG Los Angeles, Inc. (U-5462), TCG San Diego (U-5389), and TCG San Francisco (U-5454) to SBC, Which Will Occur Indirectly as a Result of AT&T's Merger With a Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of SBC, Tau Merger Sub Corporation.

Application 05-02-027 (Filed February 28, 2005)

## ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SHORTENING TIME FOR REPLIES TO MOTION

Applicants filed on Friday, June 10, 2005, a motion for a protective order, requiring that all discovery be cut off by June 17, 2005. Applicants also requested a shortening of the date for responses to the Motion to June 15, 2005, allowing three business days to respond.

ORA sent an email message to the service list and the ALJ on Monday, June 13, 2005. The parties affected by this motion are currently scheduled to serve reply testimony on June 24, 2005. ORA indicates that TURN and ORA have also been instructed to respond to a data request on June 17, 1005. ORA states that one of the main reasons Applicants seek to curtail discovery is their belief that responding to discovery will interfere with the preparation of testimony. In order to avoid having the preparation of pleadings on this motion interfere with the preparation of Reply testimony, ORA requests that replies be

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due on June 20, which is 10 calendar days from the date of filing. If that deadline is established, ORA believes there should be time for the assigned ALJ to issue a ruling during the week of June 20, prior, or concurrent with the filing of Reply Testimony. Since Applicants Rebuttal testimony should focus on the Reply Testimony, ORA argues that there is no harm in addressing these issues on this schedule because it will not delay a ruling past the time Reply Testimony is filed.

It is concluded that under the circumstances, as described above, the due date for replies shall be set at June 20, 2005.

**IT IS RULED** that the due date for replies to the Applicants' Motion for a Protective Order, as referenced above, shall be June 20, 2005.

Dated June 14, 2005 in San Francisco, California.

/s/ THOMAS R. PULSIFER
Thomas R. Pulsifer
Administrative Law Judge

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail to the parties for whom an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Shortening Time for Replies to Motion on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 14, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH LEWIS
Elizabeth Lewis

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